

*Celebration of*  
**135th Anniversary**  
 1848 - 1983  
*and*  
**Mortgage Burning**

September 18, 1983



An American Baptist Church For The Whole Family  
**BEREAN BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 Carbondale, Pennsylvania 18407

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**Introduction To This Celebration**

Sunday, September 18, 1983 will be recorded in the history of Berean Baptist Church as a very special date. We will be celebrating our 135th birthday and also the burning of our mortgage.

On August 21, 1968, the interior of our church was destroyed by fire. Committees were formed and under the leadership of Rev. Arthur Meneely we began working on plans for the future. It was decided to build within the walls of the building.

A drive was started to help defray the expenses of rebuilding. Although members and friends gave freely we were forced to borrow money. A mortgage was arranged and was to be paid by December 29, 1986.

I am happy to report that through money left by deceased members, generous gifts by our members, and friends, and investments made by the Investment Committee, we are now free of debt.

Berean Baptist Church has sought to minister to the people of Carbondale and through our missionary work we have reached out to the far places of the world.

We are grateful to everyone who contributed their time and talent.

God Bless Everyone.

*W. Uriah Carey*  
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